Gun license.

21. **MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE**: Will the Government be pleased to state why the delay was caused in renewing the licenses and returning the guns which were already deposited in the police stations when their services were essential for the protection of cultivation chiefly in the months of Chingom and Kanni?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: There is no avoidable delay in the renewal of licenses and return of guns. Almost all the applications for renewal are being received during the month of Karkatakam and, after the enquiries stipulated by rules are made, as many as possible are disposed of without delay.

REFERENCE *RE.* REPORT IN THE PAPER "UNIVERSE" ABOUT CERTAIN MEASURES OF THE TRAVANCORE GOVERNMENT.

MR. M. L. JANARDHANA PILLAI (*Nominated*): With the permission of the Chair I wish to bring to your notice that a very undesirable criticism has been made that some of the Native States are taking measures which are anti-Christian. May I be permitted to read a few lines in that connection?

PRESIDENT: What is the paper that the honourable member is referring to?

MR. M. L. JANARDHANA PILLAI: It is the International Press Cutting Bureau which has published this article. It is from a paper called "Universe."

PRESIDENT: What is the honourable member's point?

MR. M. L. JANARDHANA PILLAI: An accusation is made against the Travancore Government that this State is adopting certain anti-Christian measures——

PRESIDENT: The honourable member will hand over the paper to the Chair.

MR. M. L. JANARDHANA PILLAI: So far as I am aware no such anti-Christian measures are adopted in the State.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know from the Chair whether the member is in order in referring to some paper cutting which is not accessible to the members of this House and which cannot be credited with any great importance or status?

PRESIDENT: I may inform the honourable members that my attention has already been drawn to this newspaper. This newspaper is the official organ of the Catholics of Britain and it has published the following. Honourable members might be interested to learn it.

(reads)

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INDIAN STATE MEASURES ARE ANTI-CHRISTIAN.

The State of Travancore, Southern India, has adopted certain anti-Christian measures which, though given prominence in the "Herald". Calcutta Catholic Weekly newspaper have been ignored or played down by other Christian-owned papers.

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The 17 elected Christian members of the legislature, after appealing against inadequate Christian representation in the public services and against regulations concerning the building of churches and cemeteries, were asked to resign. On their refusal, the legislature was dissolved by Government order.

The Muslim and the two powerful Hindu parties have now joined forces to push the Christians out completely in the general election.

The Government of India and the Government of England will have their attention drawn to this matter and I am sure that this paper which is the official organ of Catholics of Britain who are above suspicion and which is responsible for the circulation of a propaganda on such mendacious lines will withdraw what it has stated without reservation.

MR. M. L. JANARDHANA PILLAI: In view of the statement by the Chair, I do not wish to pursue the matter.

PRESIDENT: After the statement from the Chair I would appeal to the honourable member not to speak; not that I want to curtail the freedom of speech of the honourable members. The report is, no doubt, a tissue of false and unadulterated lies and it is a matter in which Government are taking official action and will probably address the Government of India and the Government of England to take the necessary steps so that the paper may disown publicly the statement it has made.

INACCURACIES IN NEWSPAPER REPORTS OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSE.

MR. K. R. NARAYANAN : സർ, ഇവിടത്തെ പ്രസംഗങ്ങൾ റിപ്പോർട്ട ചെയ്യുന്ന രീതിയെക്കുറിച്ച് ഒരു സ്റ്റേറ്റുമെൻറു പറയുവാൻ ഞാൻ ആഗ്ര ഹിക്കുന്നു.

ന—ാംതീയതി ഞാൻ ചെയ്ത ബഡ്ജറു പ്രസംഗം ഇ-ാം തീയ തിയിലെ കോട്ടയത്തെ ഒരു പ്രധാനപത്രമായ ദീപിക' യിൽ വളരെ തെറ്റായി റിപ്പോർട്ട ചെയ്തിരിക്കുന്നു. ഒരു മെംബറിൻെറ പ്രസംഗം മുഴുവനുമായി ഒരു പത്രത്തിൽ റിപ്പോർട്ട ചെയ്യാനുള്ള പ്രയാസം എനി ക്കറിയാം. ശരി ചെയ്തില്ലെങ്കിലും, തെറ്റു ചെയ്യാതിരുന്നാൽ മതിയായി രുന്നു. എൻെറ പ്രസംഗം വിലക്ഷണമാക്കി, വികലമാക്കി, ഉദ്ദേശ്യ ശുദ്ധികേടുകൊണ്ടാണെന്നു സംശയിക്കത്തക്ക മാതിരിയിൽ... .....

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